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Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
And a light unto my path. — Ps. cxix. 105.

And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy. — GAL. vi. 16.

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THE BIBLE RULE OF LIFE.

FEELING.

KEEP thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. — PROV. iv. 23.

The Lord looketh on the heart. — 1 SAM. xvi. 7.

God resisteth the proud. — JAS. iv. 6. *Feelings to be shunned.*

Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord. — PROV. xvi. 5.

He who is of a proud heart stirreth up strife. — PROV. xxviii. 25.

Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. — PROV. xvi. 18.

And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low. — ISA. ii. 17.

They that are of a froward heart are abomination to the Lord. — PROV. xi. 20.

Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools. — ECCL. vii. 9.

He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding: but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly. — PROV. xiv. 29.

Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath. — EPH. iv. 26.

Cease from anger, and forsake wrath. — PS. xxxvii. 8.

For wrath killeth the foolish man, and envy slayeth the silly one. — JOB v. 2.

Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous; but who is able to stand before envy? — PROV. xxvii. 4.

Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them. — PROV. xxiv. 1.

Envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways. — PROV. iii. 31.

Let not thy heart envy sinners. — PROV. xxiii. 17.

Fret not thyself because of evil doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. — Ps. xxxvii. 1.

Fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. — Ps. xxxvii. 7.

Fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. — Ps. xxxvii. 8.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbor's. — EX. xx. 17.

And be content with such things as ye have. — HEB. xiii. 5.

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and

the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. — 1 JOHN ii. 15, 16.

For whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal? 1 COR. iii. 3.

The carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. — ROM. viii. 7.

For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, . . . unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, . . . incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God. 2 TIM. iii. 2, 3, 4.

All we like sheep have gone astray. — ISA. liii. 6.

There is none good but one, that is, God. MATT. xix. 17.

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? — JER. xvii. 9.

Harden not your hearts. — HEB. iii. 15.

He that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief. — PROV. xxviii. 14.

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out. —ACTS iii. 19.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God. — PS. xlii. 5.

Feelings to be exercised.

Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently. — DEUT. iv. 9.

The fear of God.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. — PROV. ix. 10.

The fear of the Lord is to hate evil. — PROV. viii. 13.

The fear of the Lord tendeth to life, and he that hath it shall abide satisfied. — PROV. xix. 23.

Better is little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure and trouble therewith. — PROV. xv. 16.

Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart. — 1 SAM. xii. 24.

The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life. PROV. xiv. 27.

For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy towards them that fear him. — PS. ciii. 11.

Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. PS. xxxiii. 8.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy. — PS. xxxiii. 18.

Hope in God.

Thou art my hope, O Lord God: thou art my trust from my youth. — PS. lxxi. 5.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my spirit rejoiceth: yea, my flesh dwelleth in security. PS. xvi. 9.

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope. — ROM. xv. 13.

For we are saved by hope. But hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it. — ROM. viii. 24, 25.

Happy is he whose hope is in the Lord his God. — PS. cxlvi. 5.

The hope of the righteous shall be gladness. — PROV. x. 28.

The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. — LAM. iii. 24.

Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord. PS. xxxi. 24.

Trust in God.

Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. — JER. xvii. 7.

Let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee. — PS. v. 11.

Trust in the Lord, and do good. — PS. xxxvii. 3.

None of them that trust in him shall be desolate. — Ps. xxxiv. 22.

The righteous shall be glad in the Lord, and shall trust in him. — Ps. lxiv. 10.

Blessed is the man that maketh the Lord his trust. — Ps. xl. 4.

The Lord knoweth them that trust in him. NAHUM i. 7.

Seeking God.

Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his face continually. — 1 CHRON. xvi. 11.

Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness. — ZEPH. ii. 3.

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart. — Ps. cxix. 2.

And your heart shall live that seek God. Ps. lxix. 32.

Let all those that seek thee rejoice, and be glad in thee. — Ps. lxx. 4.

Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of

them rejoice that seek the Lord. — 1 CHRON. xvi. 10.

Rejoicing in God.

Let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God; yea, let them exceedingly rejoice. — Ps. lxviii. 3.

Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. — PHIL. iv. 4.

Rejoice evermore. — 1 THESS. v. 16.

Loving God.

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. — DEUT. vi. 5.

The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. — MARK xii. 29, 30.

Take good heed therefore unto yourselves, that ye love the Lord your God. — JOSH. xxiii. 11.

Let them that love thy name be joyful in thee. — Ps. v. 11.

Great peace have they which love thy law; and nothing shall offend them. — Ps. cxix. 165.

Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold. — Ps. cxix. 127.

And we know that all things work together for good, to them that love God. — Rom. viii. 28.

As it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. — 1 Cor. ii. 9.

The Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ. — 2 Thess. iii. 5.

Feelings to be exercised towards Christ.

Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable, and full of glory. — 1 Pet. i. 8.

Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. — JOHN viii. 42.

If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. — JOHN xiv. 23.

For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. —JOHN xvi. 27.

Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. — EPH. vi. 24.

Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. — JOHN xv. 14.

Love to the brethren.

This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. — JOHN xv. 12.

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. — JOHN xiii. 35.

Seeing ye have purified your souls in

obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently. — 1 PET. i. 22.

We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. — 1 JOHN iii. 14.

Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. — 1 PET. ii. 17.

Feelings enjoined towards Christian ministers.

And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves. — 1 THESS. v. 12, 13.

Feelings between husbands and wives.

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; so ought men to love their wives, as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. Nevertheless, let every one

of you in particular so love his wife even as himself: and the wife see that she reverence her husband. — EPH. v. 25, 28, 33.

Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them. — COL. iii. 19.

Teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children. — TITUS ii. 4.

Right feeling of parents to children.

And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath. — EPH. vi. 4.

Children to parents.

Children, obey your parents. — EPH. vi. 1.

For God commanded, saying, Honor thy father and mother. — MATT. xv. 4.

For the Lord hath given the father honor over the children, and hath confirmed the authority of the mother over her sons. . . . Honor thy father and mother both in word and deed, that a blessing may come upon thee from them. — ECCLUS. iii. 2, 8.

Brotherly love.

But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto

you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another. — 1 THESS. iv. 9.

He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer. — 1 JOHN iii. 14, 15.

For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous. But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? — 1 JOHN iii. 11, 12, 17.

A brother is born for adversity. — PROV. xvii. 17.

If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar. For he that loveth not his brother, whom he hath seen, how can he love God, whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he

who loveth God love his brother also. — 1 JOHN iv. 20, 21.

Feelings between friends.

A friend loveth at all times. — PROV. xvii. 17.

Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not. — PROV. xxvii. 10.

A man that hath friends must show himself friendly. — PROV. xviii. 24.

To him that is afflicted pity should be showed from his friend. — JOB vi. 14.

Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so doth the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel. — PROV. xxvii. 9.

Is it not a grief unto death, when a companion and friend is turned to an enemy? . . . Forget not thy friend in thy mind, and be not unmindful of him in thy riches. — ECCLUS. xxxvii. 2, 6.

Whoso feareth the Lord shall direct his friendship aright. — ECCLUS. vi. 17.

Feeling for neighbors.

If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou

shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well. — JAS. ii. 8.

He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbor. — PROV. xi. 12.

For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. — GAL. v. 14.

Feeling towards enemies.

Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy, but I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, . . . that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven. — MATT. v. 43, 44, 45.

Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thy heart be glad when he stumbleth. PROV. xxiv. 17.

But love ye your enemies. — LUKE vi. 35.

And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one towards another, and towards all men. — 1 THESS. iii. 12.

Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: there-

fore love is the fulfilling of the law. — ROM. xiii. 10.

Forgiveness.

And forgive, if ye have aught against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses. — MARK xi. 25, 26.

Then came Peter to him [*i. e.* Jesus], and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven. — MATT. xviii. 21, 22.

General rule for the government of the feelings.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. — MATT. v. 7.

Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. — LUKE vi. 36.

Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body. — HEB. xiii. 3.

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. — MATT. v. 3.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. — MATT. v. 5.

Be clothed with humility. — 1 PET. v. 5.

Whose adorning . . . let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. — 1 PET. iii. 3, 4.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. — MATT. v. 8.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? and who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart. — Ps. xxiv. 3, 4.

For the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart. — 1 SAM. xvi. 7.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. — MATT. v. 6.

For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness. — Ps. cvii. 9.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. — MATT. v. 4.

Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace. — 1 COR. xiii. 11.

Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts. — JAS. v. 8.

Let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. — JAS. i. 4.

Follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. — 1 TIM. vi. 11.

Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another; not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation. . . . Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that

weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. ROM. xii. 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18.

With all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. . . . Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil-speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: and be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. — EPH. iv. 2, 3, 31, 32.

Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so

also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. COL. iii. 12, 13, 14.

Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth. . . . And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity. — 1 COR. xiii. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13.

Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned. — 1 TIM. i. 5.

THINKING.

Importance of right thinking.

We desire to hear of thee, what thou thinkest. — ACTS xxviii. 22.

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he. — PROV. xxiii. 7.

The thought of foolishness is sin. — PROV. xxiv. 9.

Those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: these are the things which defile a man. — MATT. xv. 18, 19, 20.

The Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts. 1 CHRON. xxviii. 9.

Thoughts of self.

The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity. — Ps. xciv. 11.

For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly. — Rom. xii. 3.

For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. — Gal. vi. 3.

And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know. — 1 Cor. viii. 2.

On putting away evil thoughts.

If thou hast thought evil, lay thy hand upon thy mouth. — Prov. xxx. 32.

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,

saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. — ISA. lv. 7, 8, 9.

Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established. — PROV. xvi. 3.

On right thoughts.

I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies. — Ps. cxix. 59.

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein. — JOSH. i. 8.

Oh how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day. — Ps. cxix. 97.

My mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips: when I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches. — Ps. lxiii. 5, 6.

I remember the days of old, I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands. — Ps. cxliii. 5.

Words of Jesus about thinking.

And he [*i.e.* Jesus] said unto his disciples, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on. . . . Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them. How much more are ye better than the fowls? And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit? If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest?—LUKE xii. 22, 24, 25, 26.

Consider the lilies of the field how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin; and yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat?

or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? . . . But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. — MATT. vi. 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 34.

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. — PHIL. iv. 8.

Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. — 1 TIM. iv. 15.

Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts. — Ps. cxxxix. 23.

SPEAKING.

Speech an index of character.

Thy speech bewrayeth thee. — MATT. xxvi. 73.

For out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh. A good man, out of the good treasure of the heart, bringeth forth good things: and an evil man, out of the evil treasure, bringeth forth evil things. — MATT. xii. 34, 35.

Speech of the wicked.

A fool's voice is known by multitude of words. — ECCLES. v. 3.

A fool's lips enter into contention, and his mouth calleth for strokes. A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul. — PROV. xviii. 6, 7.

He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and

he that uttereth a slander, is a fool. In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise. — PROV. x. 18, 19.

The wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, whom the Lord abhorreth. His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue is mischief and vanity. — Ps. x. 3, 7.

The Lord shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things. Ps. xii. 3.

What shall be given unto thee? or what shall be done unto thee, thou false tongue? Sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals of juniper. — Ps. cxx. 3, 4.

A lie is a foul blot in a man; yet it is continually in the mouth of the untaught. — ECCLUS. xx. 24.

Lying lips are abomination to the Lord. PROV. xii. 22.

And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity:

so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. — JAS. iii. 6.

Death and life are in the power of the tongue. — PROV. xviii. 21.

Cautions.

Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. — Ps. xxxiv. 13.

Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying. — EPH. iv. 29.

For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned. MATT. xii. 37.

Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin. — ECCLES. v. 6.

Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thy heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few. — ECCLES. v. 2.

Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not

arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. — 1 SAM. ii. 3.

Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee. — PROV. iv. 24.

Fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you. . . . Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient. — EPH. v. 3, 4.

Swear not at all: neither by heaven; for it is God's throne: nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King: neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay; for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil. — MATT. v. 34, 35, 36, 37.

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold

him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. — Ex. xx. 7.

Accustom not thy mouth to swearing; neither use thyself to the naming of the Holy One. . . . A man that useth much swearing shall be filled with iniquity, and the plague shall never depart from his house. — ECCLUS. xxiii. 9, 11.

Swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea, and your nay nay; lest ye fall into condemnation. — JAS. v. 12.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor. — Ex. xx. 16.

Whether it be to a friend or foe, talk not of other men's lives. — ECCLUS. xix. 8.

If thou hast heard a word, let it die with thee; and be bold, it will not burst thee. ECCLUS. xix. 10.

Rehearse not unto another that which is told unto thee, and thou shalt fare never the worse. — ECCLUS. xix. 7.

Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips. — PROV. xxvii. 2.

Boast not thyself of to-morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth. PROV. xxvii. 1.

Go to now, ye that say, To-day or to-morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy, and sell, and get gain: whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. JAS. iv. 13, 14, 15.

And weigh thy words in a balance, and make a door and bar for thy mouth. Beware thou slide not by it, lest thou fall before him that lieth in wait. — ECCLUS. xxviii. 25, 26.

If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. — JAS. i. 26.

Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every

man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath. — JAS. i. 19.

In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin; but he that refraineth his lips is wise. PROV. x. 19.

Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. — JAS. iii. 10.

If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. — JAS. iii. 2.

Right speaking.

Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. JAS. iii. 13.

The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life. — PROV. x. 11.

A wholesome tongue is a tree of life. — PROV. xv. 4.

A man shall eat good by the fruit of his mouth. — PROV. xiii. 2.

A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season, how good is it! — PROV. xv. 23.

How forcible are right words! — JOB vi. 25.

The words of the pure are pleasant words. PROV. xv. 26.

The tongue of the just is as choice silver. PROV. x. 20.

The lip of truth shall be established for ever. — PROV. xii. 19.

Wherefore, putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor. — EPH. iv. 25.

A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger. — PROV. xv. 1.

If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. MATT. v. 23, 24.

If thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and

him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. — MATT. xviii. 15.

Admonish a friend: it may be he hath not done it; and if he have done it, that he do it no more. Admonish thy friend: it may be he hath not said it; and if he have, that he speak it not again. Admonish a friend; for many times it is a slander: and believe not every tale. — ECCLUS. xix. 13, 14, 15, 16.

Let thy talk be with the wise, and all thy communication in the law of the Most High. ECCLUS. ix. 15.

Let your speech be always with grace. — COL. iv. 6.

As he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation. — 1 PET. i. 15.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer. PS. xix. 14.

BELIEVING.

Belief in God.

The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. — Ps. xiv. 1, liii. 1.

But without faith it is impossible to please him : for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. — Heb. xi. 6.

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God ; so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. — Heb. xi. 3.

Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established ; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper. — 2 Chron. xx. 20.

That ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he : before me there was no

God formed, neither shall there be after me. ISA. xliii. 10.

Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well. — JAS. ii. 19.

And [Abram] believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness. — GEN. xv. 6; ROM. iv. 3.

[Jesus said,] Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. — JOHN v. 24.

We have known and believed the love that God hath to us. — 1 JOHN iv. 16.

Belief in Jesus Christ,

And this is his commandment: That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another. — 1 JOHN iii. 23.

Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. — 1 JOHN iv. 15.

Who is he that overcometh the world, but

he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? . . . If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar, because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life: and this life is in his Son. — 1 JOHN v. 5, 9, 10, 11.

If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thy heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart, man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth, confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. — ROM. x. 9, 10, 11.

This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent. — JOHN vi. 29.

Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable, and full of glory. — 1 PET. i. 8.

Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. JOHN xx. 29.

The Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. — JOHN xvi. 27.

[Jesus] saith unto them [*i.e.* his disciples], But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. — MATT. xvi. 15, 16, 17.

Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ, is born of God. — 1 JOHN v. 1.

He that believeth on the Son hath ever-

lasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life. — JOHN iii. 36.

[Jesus said,] Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. — JOHN xiv. 1.

Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you, I speak not of myself: but the Father, that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. — JOHN xiv. 10, 11, 12.

[A certain eunuch said to Philip,] What doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still:

and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. — ACTS viii. 36, 37, 38.

Jesus said unto her [*i.e.* Martha], I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth, and believeth in me, shall never die. — JOHN xi. 25, 26.

Belief in the resurrection.

Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead? — ACTS xxvi. 8.

But every man in his own order: Christ the first-fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all. 1 COR. xv. 23, 28.

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering. — HEB. x. 23.

Be not carried about with divers and

strange doctrines: for it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace. — HEB. xiii. 9.

Belief respecting meals.

One believeth that he may eat all things; another, who is weak, eateth herbs. Let not him that eateth, despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not, judge him that eateth: for God hath received him.

Respecting days.

One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind. — ROM. xiv. 2, 3, 5.

Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations. — ROM. xiv. 1.

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus

Christ is come in the flesh, is of God: and every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, is not of God. — 1 JOHN iv. 1, 2, 3.

And be not faithless, but believing. — JOHN xx. 27.

DOING.

Importance of good works.

This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men. — TITUS iii. 8.

Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also. JAS. ii. 21, 22, 24, 26.

These are the things that ye shall do:

Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbor; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates; and let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbor; and love no false oath: for all these are things that I hate, saith the Lord. — ZECH. viii. 16, 17.

And let us consider one another, to provoke unto love, and to good works. — HEB. x. 24.

And let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. GAL. vi. 9.

Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord. — EPH. vi. 8.

The Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. — 1 SAM. ii. 3.

Who will render to every man according to his deeds. — ROM. ii. 6.

I will recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the works of their own hands. — JER. xxv. 14.

For thy work shall be rewarded, saith the Lord. — JER. xxxi. 16.

According to thy ways, and according to thy doings, shall they judge thee, saith the Lord God. — EZEK. xxiv. 14.

For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: for he is the minister of God to thee for good.

Evil works.

But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. — ROM. xiii. 3, 4.

Eschew evil, and do good. — 1 PET. iii. 11.

Thou shalt not kill. — EX. xx. 13.

Thou shalt not commit adultery. — EX. xx. 14.

Thou shalt not steal. — EX. xx. 15.

Blessed is the man that keepeth his hand from doing any evil. — ISA. lvi. 2.

Every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God. — JOHN iii. 20, 21.

Good works.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. — MATT. v. 16.

Make your ways and your doings good. — JER. xviii. 11.

Learn to do well. — ISA. i. 17.

Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right. — PROV. xx. 11.

As for the pure, his work is right. — PROV. xxi. 8.

Blessed are they that keep judgment, and he that doeth righteousness at all times. — PS. cvi. 3.

Little children, let no man deceive you : he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. — 1 JOHN iii. 7.

He that doeth good is of God : but he that doeth evil hath not seen God. — 3 JOHN, 11.

Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance. — MATT. iii. 8.

Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass : for he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. — JAS. i. 22, 23, 24.

For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified. — ROM. ii. 13.

Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you ? let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. — JAS. iii. 13.

For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil. — ECCLES. xii. 14.

Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak; for your work shall be rewarded. — 2 CHRON. xv. 7.

Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets. MATT. vii. 12.

If ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same. And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again. — LUKE vi. 33, 34.

Love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil. — LUKE vi. 35.

Recompense to no man evil for evil. — ROM. xii. 17.

Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good — ROM. xii. 21.

Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. — HEB. xiii. 2.

Provide things honest in the sight of all men. — ROM. xii. 17.

If any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel. 1. TIM. v. 8.

Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. — JOHN vi. 12.

We beseech you, brethren, that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands. — 1 THESS. iv. 10, 11.

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is. — HEB. x. 25.

If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. — ISA. lviii. 13, 14.

To do good and to communicate, forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. — HEB. xiii. 16.

What Jesus says about doing good.

And he looked round about on them which sat about him, and said, Behold, my mother and my brethren! for whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother. — MARK iii. 34, 35.

Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. — JOHN xv. 14.

When the Son of man shall come in his glory, . . . then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. — MATT. xxv. 31, 34–40.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord,

Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. — MATT. vii. 21.

Words of the Apostle.

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world. — JAS. i. 27.

If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. — JAS. ii. 15, 16, 17.

HELPING.

Two are better than one. . . . For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth, for he hath not another to help him up. — ECCLES. iv. 9, 10.

Now these are they that came to David to Ziklag, while he yet kept himself close because of Saul the son of Kish: and they were among the mighty men, helpers of the war. . . . And David went out to meet them, and answered and said unto them, If ye be come peaceably unto me to help me, my heart shall be knit unto you: but if ye be come to betray me to mine enemies, seeing there is no wrong in my hands, the God of our fathers look thereon, and rebuke it.

And they helped David against the band of the rovers: for they were all mighty men of valor, and were captains in the host. For at that time day by day there came to David to help him, until it was a great host, like the host of God. — 1 CHRON. xii. 1, 17, 21, 22.

They helped every one his neighbor; and every one said to his brother, Be of good courage. So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith, and he that smootheth with the hammer him that smote the anvil, saying, It is ready for the soldering; and he fastened it with nails, that it should not be moved. — ISA. xli. 6, 7.

And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us. And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavored to go into Macedonia. — ACTS xvi. 9, 10.

And a certain Jew, named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in

the scriptures, came to Ephesus. . . . And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him : who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace. ACTS xviii. 24, 27.

We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellow-helpers to the truth. — III JOHN 8.

Use hospitality one to another without grudging. — I PET. iv. 9.

By love serve one another. — GAL. v. 13.

As touching the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you. 2 COR. ix. 1.

For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have showed towards his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. — HEB. vi. 10.

Whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister ; and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant :

even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister. — MATT. xx. 26, 27, 28.

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. — GAL. vi. 2.

GIVING.

Duty of giving.

Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away. — MATT. v. 42.

For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land. Thou shalt surely give him, and thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him: because that for this thing the Lord thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto. — DEUT. xv. 11, 10.

Sell that ye have, and give alms. — LUKE xii. 33.

And behold, one came and said unto him [*i.e.* Jesus], Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. . . . The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven. — MATT. xix. 16, 17, 20, 21.

Give alms of such things as ye have. — LUKE xi. 41.

If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink. — PROV. xxv. 21.

Give a portion to seven, and also to eight. ECCLES. xi. 2.

Say not unto thy neighbor, Go, and come again, and to-morrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee. — PROV. iii. 28.

How to give. Freely ye have received, freely give. — MATT. x. 8.

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee. — DEUT. xvi. 17.

And he [*i.e.* Jesus] looked up and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury. And he saw also a certain poor widow, casting in thither two mites. And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all. For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had. — LUKE xxi. 1, 2, 3, 4.

And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones, a cup of cold water only, in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward. MATT. x. 42.

Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have

no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Therefore, when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do, in the synagogues, and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily, I say unto you, They have their reward. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth; that thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly. — MATT. vi. 1–4.

Promises.

Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth. . . . The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness. — Ps. xli. 1, 2, 3.

There was a certain man in Cesarea, called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band, a devout man, and one that

feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway. He saw in a vision evidently, about the ninth hour of the day, an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius. And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God. — ACTS x. 1, 2, 3, 4.

He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again. — PROV. xix. 17.

The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself. PROV. xi. 25.

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal, it shall be measured to you again. — LUKE vi. 38.

Cast thy bread upon the waters : for thou shalt find it after many days. — ECCLES. xi. 1.

He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack. — PROV. xxviii. 27.

He that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he. — PROV. xiv. 21.

He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed ; for he giveth of his bread to the poor. — PROV. xxii. 9.

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. — ACTS xx. 35.

PRAYING.

Subjects of prayer.

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. — PHIL. iv. 6.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. — MATT. vi. 11, 12, 13.

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not. — JAS. i. 5.

But covet earnestly the best gifts. — 1 COR. xii. 31.

Examples of praying.

To Seth also there was born a son: . . . then began men to call upon the name of the Lord. — GEN. iv. 26.

So Abraham prayed unto God. — GEN. xx. 17.

Moses prayed. — NUM. xi. 2, xxi. 7; DEUT. ix. 18, 20, 26, 27; PS. xc.

Samson prayed. — JUDGES xvi. 28.

Hannah prayed. — 1 SAM. i. 10, 12, 27.

Samuel prayed. — 1 SAM. vii. 9, viii. 6.

Solomon prayed — 1 KINGS viii. 22–54; 2 CHRON. i. 8, 9, 10, vi. 12, 14–42.

Elijah prayed. — 1 KINGS xvii. 20, 21, xviii. 36, 37.

Elisha prayed. — 2 KINGS iv. 33, vi. 17, 18.

Jehoahaz prayed. — 2 KINGS xiii. 4.

Hezekiah prayed. — 2 KINGS xix. 15–20, xx. 2; 2 CHRON. xxx. 18, 19, xxxii. 20, 24; ISA. xxxvii. 15–20, xxxviii. 2, 3.

Jabez prayed. — 1 CHRON. iv. 10.

David prayed. — 1 CHRON. xvii. 16–27, xxi. 17, 26, xxix. 10–19; PS. v., vi., vii., x., xiii., xvi., xvii., xix. 12, 13, 14, xxii., xxv., xxvi., xxvii., xxviii., xxx., xxxi., xxxv., xxxviii., xxxix., xliii., li., liv., lv., lvi., lvii., lix., lx.,

lxi., lxiii., lxix., lxx., lxxi., lxxxvi., lxxxviii. cxli., cxlii., cxliii.

Jehoshaphat prayed. — 2 CHRON xx. 5–12.

Isaiah prayed. — 2 CHRON. xxxii. 20.

Manasseh prayed. — 2 CHRON. xxxiii. 12, 13.

Ezra prayed. — EZRA ix. 5–15.

Nehemiah prayed. — NEH. i. 4–11, iv. 9.

The Levites prayed. — NEH. ix. 4–38.

The Jewish people prayed. — ISA. lxiii. 15–19, lxiv. 1–12.

Job prayed. — JOB xlii. 10.

Jeremiah prayed. — JER. xiv. 7, 8, 9, xviii. 18–23, xxxii. 16–25.

Daniel prayed. — DAN. vi. 11, ix. 3–19.

Jonah prayed. — JON. ii. 1–9.

Habakkuk prayed. — HAB. iii.

Simeon prayed. — LUKE ii. 29–32.

Anna prayed. — LUKE ii. 37.

Stephen prayed. — ACTS vii. 59, 60.

Peter prayed. — ACTS viii. 15, ix. 40, x, 9, xi. 5.

John prayed. —ACTS viii. 15.

Cornelius prayed. — ACTS x. 2, 30.

Paul prayed. — ACTS ix. 11, xvi. 16, 25, xx. 36, xxi. 5, xxviii. 8.

Epaphras prayed. — COL. iv. 12.

The disciples and the church prayed. — ACTS i. 14, 24, 25, ii. 42, iii. 1, iv. 31, vi. 4, 6, xii. 5, 12, xiii. 3, xiv. 23, xvi. 13, 16.

Jesus prayed. — MATT. xi. 25, 26, 27, xiv. 23, xxvi. 39, 42, 44; MARK i. 35, xiv. 35, 36, 39; LUKE iii. 21, v. 16, vi. 12, ix. 18, 28, x. 21, xi. 1, xxii. 32, 41, 42, 44, xxiii. 34, 46; JOHN xii. 27, 28, xvii.

How to pray.

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men: for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour. — 1 TIM. ii. 1, 2, 3.

And it came to pass that, as he [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one

of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, [LUKE xi. 1, 2] Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. MATT. vi. 9–13.

And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues, and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily, I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly. But when ye pray, use

not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of before ye ask him. — MATT. vi. 5–8.

And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God, be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth him-

self shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted. — LUKE xviii. 9–14.

Therefore, if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. — MATT. v. 23, 24.

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. — JAS. v. 16.

And all things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. — MATT. xxi. 22.

Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth, as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. — MATT. xviii. 19.

In that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever

ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall show you plainly of the Father. At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you: for the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. — JOHN xvi. 23–27.

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. MARK xi. 24.

Ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. — JAS. i. 6, 7.

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought. — ROM. viii. 26.

And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses. — MARK xi. 25, 26.

And pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven. MATT. v. 44, 45.

Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving. — COL. iv. 2.

Ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. — JAS. iv. 2, 3.

I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. — 1 TIM. ii. 8.

By prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. — PHIL. iv. 6.

Continuing instant in prayer. — ROM. xii. 12.

Pray without ceasing. — 1 THESS. v. 17.

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit. — EPH. vi. 18.

Watch unto prayer. — 1 PET. iv. 7.

Prayer enjoined, and promises.

And he [*i.e.* Jesus] spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint. — LUKE xviii. 1.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh receiveth: and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts

unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good gifts to them that ask him. — MATT. vii. 7–11.

And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. 1 JOHN iii. 22.

For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers. — 1 PET. iii. 12.

He heareth the prayer of the righteous. PROV. xv. 29.

The prayer of the upright is his delight. PROV. xv. 8.

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. — JAS. iv. 8.

Thus saith the Lord: Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. — JER. xxxiii. 2, 3.

Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will

deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me. — Ps. l. 15.

Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. JAS. v. 13.

He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer. — Ps. cii. 17.

They shall call on my name [saith the Lord], and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people; and they shall say, The Lord is my God. — ZECH. xiii. 9.

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. — JER. xxix. 11, 12, 13.

For then shalt thou have thy delight in the Almighty, and shalt lift up thy face unto God. Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee. — JOB xxii. 26, 27.

Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. — ISA. lviii. 9.

Yea, the Lord will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen. — JOEL ii. 19.

And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer: and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. — ISA. lxv. 24.

PRAISING.

In the days of David and Asaph of old there were chief of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving unto God. — NEH. xii. 46.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High. To show forth thy loving-kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night. — Ps. xcii. 1, 2.

Thanksgiving.

O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his mercy endureth for ever. O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy endureth for ever. O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy endureth for ever. — Ps. cxxxvi. 1, 2, 3, 26.

Give thanks unto the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever. — 1 CHRON. xvi. 8, 34.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. — Ps. c. 4.

Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness. — Ps. xcvii. 12.

Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name. — Ps. cxl. 13.

Offer unto God thanksgiving, and pay thy vows unto the Most High. — Ps. l. 14.

In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1 THESS. v. 18.

By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name. — HEB. xiii. 15.

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, abounding therein with thanksgiving. — COL. ii. 6, 7.

Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. — EPH. v. 20.

Examples of thanksgiving.

Then on that day David delivered first this psalm to thank the Lord, into the hand of Asaph and his brethren. — 1 CHRON. xvi. 7.

[Daniel] kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God. — DAN. vi. 10.

And she [*i.e.* Anna] coming in, gave thanks unto the Lord. — LUKE ii. 38.

And when he [*i.e.* Paul] had thus spoken, he took bread, and gave thanks to God in presence of them all. — ACTS xxvii. 35.

And he [*i.e.* Jesus] took the seven loaves and the fishes, and gave thanks, and brake

them, and gave to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. — MATT. xv. 36.

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples. . . . And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it. — MATT. xxvi. 26, 27.

And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. JOHN xi. 41.

So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever: we will show forth thy praise to all generations. — PS. lxxix. 13.

Singing God's praises.

Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. — PS. c. 2.

Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him. — 1 CHRON. xvi. 9.

Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem. — ISA. lii. 9.

Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel;

be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. — ZEPH. iii. 14.

Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth, ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein; the isles, and the inhabitants thereof. Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar doth inhabit: let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains. Let them give glory unto the Lord, and declare his praise in the islands. — ISA. xlii. 10, 11, 12.

Sing unto the Lord, all the earth; show forth from day to day his salvation. — 1 CHRON. xvi. 23.

Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds. Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints. — PS. cxlix. 5, 1.

O sing unto the Lord a new song: for he hath done marvellous things. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make

a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise. Sing unto the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of a psalm. — Ps. xcviii. 1, 4, 5.

Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: sing forth the honor of his name: make his praise glorious. — Ps. lxvi. 1, 2.

Teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. Col. iii. 16.

Speaking to yourselves in psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord. — Eph. v. 19.

For it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely. — Ps. cxlvii. 1.

Praise.

Praise ye the Lord. Praise ye the Lord from the heavens: praise him in the heights: praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts. Both

young men, and maidens; old men, and children: let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven. — Ps. cxlviii. 1, 2, 12, 13.

Praise ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and for evermore. From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised. — Ps. cxiii. 1, 2, 3.

O praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise ye the Lord. — Ps. cxvii.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts. All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and

thy saints shall bless thee. — Ps. cxlv. 3, 4, 10.

Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness. Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp. Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs. Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high-sounding cymbals. — Ps. cl. 1–5.

And say ye, Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather us together, and deliver us from the heathen, that we may give thanks to thy holy name, and glory in thy praise. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel for ever and ever. And all the people said, Amen, and praised the Lord. — 1 CHRON. xvi. 35, 36.

Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord. — Ps. cl. 6.

SUMMARY.

WHAT THE PREACHER SAITH.

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. ECCLES. xii. 13.

WHAT THE PROPHET SAITH.

What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God. — MICAH vi. 8.

WHAT THE APOSTLE SAITH.

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world. — JAS. i. 27

WHAT OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST SAITH.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. — MATT. xxii. 37, 38, 39, 40.

Grace be with you, mercy, and peace from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love. — 2 JOHN 3.

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